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NOTE FOR: Mr. John Bross

SUBJECT: The China Intelligence Activities  
Coordinator Thing

ATTACHMENTS: A. Draft Notice re CIAC  
B. Draft Interim Report on the US  
Chinese Advanced Weapons Effort

1. In the main this exercise is progressing fairly well, with various China-concerned officers in CIA increasingly responsive to CIAC equities, views, and efforts. CIAC's effectiveness to the DCI can nonetheless be considerably heightened by a more complete awareness of and checking with this CIAC function than now exists. I would appreciate a word from D/DCI/NIPE and DCI, to a DCI morning staff meeting soon, that China matters are to be checked with CIAC.

a. For the most part such action will be for information only.

b. The broad vantage point of the CIAC can assist the individual CIA office's China efforts and productive contact with other interested offices, enhance the process of optimum staffing of China questions within CIA, and at times lend a helping hand to the saleability of the individual office's China proposals.

c. Such action can avoid embarrassing CIAC, CIA, and the CIA office by precluding instances of

USIB colleague awareness of CIA China matters which someone had neglected to bring to CIAC's attention.

2. I think it would be useful as well, if you think it appropriate, to have issued a written piece in similar vein, perhaps along the lines of the attached draft. (Attachment A)

3. The broad China overview of the CIAC function is illustrated by the attached (B) draft on the state of the US intelligence effort against the Chinese Communist advanced weapons problem. This particular draft has been vetted by the various DDS&T offices; in its present revised draft, is now being examined by Jack Smith and  it will go once more to the DDS&T before becoming finalized. D/DCI/NIPE may wish to incorporate that final draft into his broader reports to the DCI.

4. In any event, I plan to turn my USIB colleagues loose on a suitably sanitized version of the final text, to thus double check the text's thoroughness and judgments, and it then to serve as a guide to improved refinements in USG collection, processing, and analysis on the CCAW problem.

